

TREATMENT

ELIGIBILITY

- Child must be a North Dakota resident.
- Child must be birth to age 21.
- Child must have a special health care need. For treatment services, a child is medically eligible if he or she has a condition that is included on a list of more than 100 eligible conditions treated under the SHS Financial Coverage Program.
- Family is financially eligible at 185 percent of the federal poverty level. See income guidelines chart below.

INCOME GUIDELINES EFFECTIVE 5/1/2020

Family Size	Gross/Adjusted Gross Income is no more than:
1	\$ 23,606
2	\$ 31,894
3	\$ 40,182
4	\$ 48,470
5	\$ 56,758
6	\$ 65,046
7	\$ 73,334

Gross income is generally used to determine financial eligibility. Adjusted gross income is used in instances of self-employment. Financial eligibility is determined annually.

If family income is above the federal poverty level, a child may still be eligible with a monthly cost/share. This means that the family must spend a designated amount for out-of-pocket medical expenses for the family unit before SHS will pay for care or services for the eligible child.

IMPORTANT FACTS/TIPS

- To apply contact the state Special Health Services office.
- If both financial and medical eligibility is present and treatment is planned, the application is approved for the specific medical condition. Effective date for services may be 90 days prior to application, when needed.
- To ensure high quality care, eligible children must receive services from a specialist who is approved to provide care under SHS. A regularly updated list of North Dakota specialists who have met the standards established by SHS is available.
- Payment for services is coordinated with other available sources of health-care coverage.
- Restrictions or coverage limitations may apply for certain services or eligible conditions.

**PARTIAL LIST OF
COVERED SERVICES**

Care coordination (by state level staff)
Dental services
Formula (special)
Genetic testing, evaluation and counseling
Hearing aids
Home health care in lieu of hospitalization
Illnesses occurring during hospitalization
Inpatient hospitalization
Laboratory tests, X-rays and other diagnostic studies
Medical equipment (limited to funding availability)
Medications
Nutrition services
Occupational therapy
Outpatient hospital services
Physical therapy
Physician's, nurse practitioner's and physician assistant's services
Prosthetic and orthotic appliances
Respiratory therapy
Speech therapy
Supplies
Vision services

**PARTIAL LIST OF
UNCOVERED SERVICES**

Ambulance charges
Purchase of wheelchairs and hospital beds
Hospice care
Immunizations (routine childhood)
Respite care
Special shoes or shoe corrections, except when they are needed in relation to the fitting of a brace or other orthopedic appliance
Well-child Care
Chiropractic care
Transportation, meals and lodging (can be used to spend down monthly cost share when applicable)
Care prior to the birth of an infant (e.g., fetal surgery)
Routine infant formula (Similac, Enfamil, etc.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Call or write Special Health Services at the following:

Special Health Services
North Dakota Department of Health
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 301
Bismarck, ND 58505-0200
701-328-2436
ND toll-free 800-755-2714
dohcshsadm@nd.gov
www.health.nd.gov

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DIAGNOSTIC TESTING AND EVALUATION



ELIGIBILITY

- Child must be a North Dakota resident.
- Child must be birth to age 21.
- Child must have a special health care need. For diagnostic services, a child is medically eligible if he or she has or MAY POTENTIALLY HAVE a condition that is included on a list of more than 100 eligible conditions treated under the SHS Financial Coverage Program.
- Financial eligibility is NOT required for diagnostic services.

**PARTIAL LIST OF SHS
ELIGIBLE CONDITIONS**

Acquired brain injury
Asthma
Bony deformities
Burns
Cancer
Cerebral palsy
Cleft lip and/or palate
Cystic fibrosis
Dental disorders
Diabetes
Genito-urinary tract anomalies
Growth hormone deficiency
Hearing loss
Heart conditions
Hemophilia
Joint deformity
Malocclusion
Muscular dystrophy
Phenylketonuria
Rheumatoid arthritis
Scoliosis
Seizure disorders
Spina bifida
Strabismus

IMPORTANT FACTS/TIPS

- Anyone may refer a child for diagnostic services.
- To apply contact the state Special Health Services office.
- Diagnostic examinations provided by specialists promote early diagnosis of SHS-eligible medical conditions.
- Diagnostic services can be used to secure a diagnosis when the diagnosis of a potentially eligible condition is unknown. Examinations can be covered until a decision about medical eligibility is reached.
- Effective date for services may be 90 days prior to application, when needed.
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